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1 You are going to look at a website which gives information about compensation claims. Type in: <http://www.youclaim.co.uk>.

2 When the main page appears, click on **Types of injury** from the bar at the top of the page. Scroll down the page to see a list of the types of injury that compensation can be claimed for.

What forms of transport are included in the list? _____

3 To find out more information about accidents involving dogs, click on **Dog bite accidents**. There are three guidelines for avoiding attack by a dog. What are they?

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

What type of workers are mentioned? _____

How many attacks on this type of worker are there every year? _____

To see a list of dangerous dogs, click on **See dogs that bite for more information on dangerous dogs** at the end of the first paragraph. What are the six dogs mentioned?

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

4 Go back to the **Types of injury page** and click on **Trips or slips in a street, shop or public place**. Advice is given for what to do following a slip, trip or fall. Apart from your injuries, what should you photograph if you suffer this type of accident?

5 You are now going to find out the typical amounts of money people can expect for injuries to different parts of the body. Click on **Compensation amounts** from the bar at the top of the page. Scroll down the page and you will see a drawing of the body. Put the cursor over the different parts of the body to see the different amounts of compensation.

What are the typical amounts for:

Head Minor injuries with no brain damage: _____

Shoulders Minor soft tissue injuries, good recovery: _____

Hands Fracture of finger, good recovery: _____

Ears Occasional tinnitus, slight hearing loss: _____

6 Now browse the rest of the site and find some more interesting information about what you should do if you are looking for compensation. Share this information with your partner.



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TEACHER'S NOTES:

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Aim: For students to find information in English on a website which gives information about seeking compensation for personal injury. This webquest can be used after the reading 'To sue or not to sue' on pages 118–119.

Time: Approximately 45 minutes.

Materials: Photocopies of the worksheet for each student.

- 1 Tell students that they are going to look at a website which gives information about compensation claims. Check that students have opened the correct page.
- 2 When the main page appears, students click on **Types of injury** from the bar at the top of the page then scroll down to see a list of the types of injury that compensation can be claimed for and the forms of transport which are included in the list. **Car, motorcycle, taxi, train**
- 3 Students click on **Dog bite accidents** to find the three guidelines for avoiding attack by a dog.
 - 1 **Climbing on to a high object to escape from the dog**
 - 2 **Putting another object in between you and the dog**
 - 3 **Remaining calm and not making eye contact with the dog**

Students find the type of worker mentioned (**Postal workers**) and the number of dog attacks that there are on postal workers each year (**Approximately 5000**).

To see a list of dangerous dogs, students click on **See dogs that bite for more information on dangerous dogs** at the end of the first paragraph. The six dogs mentioned are:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Rottweiler | 2 Pit Bull Terrier | 3 German Shepherd |
| 4 Japanese Tosa | 5 Dogo Argentino | 6 Fila Brasileiro |

- 4 Students go back to the **Types of injury page** and click on **Trips or slips in a street, shop or public place**. Students read the advice given and write down what should be photographed if this type of accident happens. The following should be photographed: **The scene of the accident, the floor surface and any defective coverings or holes, the clothing and shoes you were wearing, any visible warning signs relating to the defect.**
- 5 To find out the typical amounts of money people can expect for injuries to different parts of the body, students click on **Compensation amounts** from the bar at the top of the page. Check that students have found the drawing of the body. Students put the cursor over the different parts of the body to see the different amounts of compensation.

Head	Minor injuries with no brain damage:	Up to £6,000
Shoulders	Minor soft tissue injuries, good recovery:	Up to £3,500
Hands	Fracture of finger, good recovery:	Up to £1,500
Ears	Occasional tinnitus, slight hearing loss:	Up to £6,000
- 6 Students browse the rest of the site for interesting information about what people should do when looking looking for compensation. Students share this information with their partners.